REMARKS

The specification has been amended to reflect the national stage status.

In addition, the claims have been amended to eliminate the multiple dependencies in order to eliminate improper multiple dependencies and to reduce the PTO filing fee.

The "use" claims have also been rewritten in conformance with U.S. practice. Please note that support for the term "carrier" is found in the specification at page 40, line 18.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

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